

MINUTES  
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
March 17, 2010

Council President Fountain called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Sheriff Marc Lahrman did the swearing in of the Council. Councilman Reedy led us in the Lords Prayer and Councilman Prange led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Councilman Fountain, Councilman Thompson,  
Councilman Brewer, Councilwoman Hackman,  
Councilman Reedy, Councilman Murphy, Councilman  
Prange

Others Present: Sheriff Marc Lahrman, Attorney Susan Bevers,  
Auditor Debra Eggeman

Councilwoman Hackman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2010 meeting as presented. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Fountain made the first reading of Resolution 2010-10 which is a resolution to appropriate \$1,700,000.00 from the proceeds of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010. Councilman Murphy made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Reedy seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Brewer abstained.

Councilman Fountain made the second reading of Resolution 2010-10. Councilwoman Hackman made a motion to approve and waive the third reading. Councilman Prange seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Brewer abstained.

Councilman Fountain made the second reading on Ordinance 2010-11 which is an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds to be used for the purchase of equipment and improvements for certain county facilities. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilman Prange seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Brewer abstained. Jim Gutting with Barnes and Thornburg gave a brief update on the timeline for the bonds.

Council discussed a pay increase for Plan Commissioner Mike Weir. Councilman Brewer stated that since taking over the duties of Code Enforcement Officer for abandoned properties Mike has received 20 complaints and over time this will increase. Mike's duties have increased considerably and a pay increase is appropriate. Councilwoman Hackman agreed that a pay raise is in order but not sure that this position should be an Executive I position as originally discussed. Councilman Thompson stated that he is also in favor of a pay raise but is not sure when this should be done. The issue has not been discussed as a board. Councilman Murphy stated that this is something to be discussed for next years budget and feels that the Plan Commission Board should

present at budget time. Councilman Brewer made a motion to move the Plan Commissioners to an Executive I position. One (1) yes vote, motion denied. Seven (7) not votes.

John Baker appeared before Council in regards to the decision to replace the inventory tax with an increase in CEDIT. Councilman Fountain stated that Council is still working on this issue. Councilman Thompson explained that each taxing district received a credit according to the amount of inventory tax lost. The State Legislation is setting the rules and the rules change every year. Their job is to collect these taxes equally. There is also many different land use classes and different locations for the different classes of land with ten different deductions available for each of them. Councilman Thompson stated that Council must make sure that things are done correctly. The ordinance which is in place now will have to be repealed and a new ordinance written. Before doing this Council must know what the implications will be. Brian also informed Council members that a Cost of Community Service survey has been done by the state and Jackson County should receive the survey soon.

Councilman Reedy reported that he has submitted information for Jackson County to Google. Units of government can apply to get a data line to 500,000 homes. Matt stated that he feels this would be a great opportunity for the community.

Councilwoman Hackman gave an update on K-9 Control.

Councilman Fountain requested that Duane Davis provide an update on the County Website. Duane explained that there is a May deadline for officeholders to submit information to be included on the website. The anticipated start up date will be in August.

Sheriff Marc Lahrman submitted the Department of Corrections report for February, the Commissary report for the second half of 2009 and the annual report for 2009.

Juvenile Detention Center Director Connie Schrader submitted the monthly report for February.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

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Andy Fountain – Council President

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Debra Eggeman - attest

